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SUBJECT : LOS - CONSULTATIONS IN CONAKRY

1. OTTO ESKIN AND DCM MET WITH GOG OFFICIALS ON MORNING AND AFTERNOON OF MAY 17. OFFICIALS PARTICIPATING IN FIRST SESSION WERE DANIEL LOPIS, CHIEF UN AFFAIRS AND BAIDI KEITA, CHIEF PRESS AND EUROPEAN AFFAIRS; IN AFTERNOON SESSION, SAIKHU THIAM, MINISTER OF TRANSPORT (AND MEMBER OF INTERMINISTERIAL LOS COMMITTEE), AS WELL AS REPRESENTATIVES OF A NUMBER OF INTERESTED MINISTRIES INCLUDING ARMY.

2. US SIDE GAVE PRESENTATION OF MAJOR LOS ISSUES AND US POLICIES. GOG REQUESTED THAT FOLLOWING AGENDA BE USED: TERRITORIAL SEA, REGIME OF STRAITS, ECONOMIC ZONE CONTINENTAL SHELF, DEEP SEABED EXPLORATION, SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH, PREVENTION OF MARINE POLLUTION AND PROCEDURE. (COMMENT: IT WAS EVIDENT THAT THIS WAS AGENDA USED BY USSR LOS REPRESENTATIVE DURING RECENT CONSULATIONS IN GUINEA.)

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3. FOR MOST PART GUINEAN SIDE MERELY LISTENED TO US PRESEN-

TATION AND MADE FEW COMMENTS. GUINEANS DID ASK SEVERAL QUESTIONS ABOUT US FISHERIES PROPOSALS AND HOW MAXIMUM UTILIZATION PRINCIPLE WOULD WORK AND HOW MAXIMUM RETAINABLE YIELD WOULD BE SET. GUINEANS ALSO ASKED ABOUT REACTION OF 200 MILE TERRITORIAL SEA ADVOCATES TO US PROPOSAL FOR 12 MILE TERRITORIAL SEA. LOPIS COMMENTED THAT GUINEA NEEDED TERRITORIAL SEA BROADER THAN 12 MILES BECAUSE OF RISK THAT CONAKRY COULD BE SHELLED FROM 12 MILES AT SEA.

4. COMMENT: GUINEANS GAVE CORDIWO RECEPTION TO US PRESENTATION. SESSIONS WERE LONG AND GUINEAN PARTICIPANTS TOOK EXTENSIVE NOTES AND ASKED FOR FURTHER MATERIAL (WHICH EMBASSY IS PROVIDING). GUINEANS INDICATED THAT THEY KNEW LITTLE ABOUT LOS AND HAD OPEN MIND ON ISSUES AND WOULD STUDY US POSITIONS CAREFULLY AND COULD POSSIBLY SUPPORT THEM ALTHOUGH THEY CAREFULLY DID NOT COMMIT THEMSELVES ON ANY POINT. GUINEANS APPEARED APPRECIATIVE AT OPPORTUNITY TO REVIEW LOS ISSUE WITH US REPRESENTATIVES. EMBASSY BELIEVES THAT ESKIN VISIT HERE WAS WELL WORTH THE EFFORT, NOT ONLY IN CONTEXT LOS MATTERS, BUT FROM VIEWPOINT OUR OVERALL BILATERAL RELATIONS.

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